

REMARKS

Claims 54-56, and 58-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Independent claim 54 is amended, and as amended, overcomes the issue raised by the Examiner regarding the §112 rejection. Accordingly, the §112 rejection is rendered moot, and therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 and 51-74 and 85-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Liaw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,276).


Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and urges allowance of the present application.

Applicant hereby submits a copy of a §1.131 Declaration of inventor Tran swearing behind the Liaw reference and submitted during the prosecution of related application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/071,453, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,057,257. The declaration and accompanying evidence demonstrates conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention before the effective date of Liaw. Accordingly, the rejections based on Liaw are overcome and should be withdrawn.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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